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SUBJ: PRESIDENT TAKES TOUGH BELIZE STAND IN PUBLIC

1. TWO AFTERNOON PAPERS AUGUST 26 REPORTED PRESIDENT LAUGERUD AS HAVING TOLD PRESS IN ANTIGUA THAT MORNING THAT "HE WILL NOT PERMIT REMOVAL EVEN OF AN INCH OF THE TERRITORY OF BELIZE." STATEMENT CAME IN RESPONSE TO PRESS QUESTION REGARDING SELF-DETERMINATION FOR BELIZE.

2. COMMENT: PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT CONTRASTS WITH AUGUST 11 DECLARATION (GUATEMALA 5108), WHICH SEEMED TO CONTEMPLATE POSSIBILITY OF EVENTUAL GOG ACQUIESCENCE TO BELIZEAN INDEPENDENCE IF CERTAIN CONSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENTS WERE MET, AND WITH THE MODERATION THE PRESIDENT HAS DEMONSTRATED IN PRIVATE ON THIS SUBJECT. EL IMPARCIAL, WHICH IS CLOSE TO FOREIGN MINISTRY, CHOSE TO IGNORE THE PRESIDENT'S BELIZE
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REMARKS IN ITS OTHERWISE INTENSIVE COVERAGE OF HIS ANTIGUA STATEMENTS.
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